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CONGRESS ITEMS

TWENTY countries were represented at the Cologne Congress: Germany by four hundred odd; Australia by three; Belgium by seventeen, nurses and physicians; Canada by over eighteen; Denmark by forty-six; England, Ireland, and Scotland by nearly one hundred; Finland by twenty-eight and Russia by three nurses; France by six; Holland by twenty; Japan by three; India by two; Italy by three; New Zealand by three; Norway by five; Austria-Hungary by seven nurses and physicians; Sweden by twelve; Switzerland by fourteen; South Africa by one; Turkey ditto; and the United States by thirty-eight.

TWENTY-THREE German *Oberinnen* or nursing superintendents came, and many head-nurses, with several physicians. Australia sent Miss Tait and Miss Punch, while Miss Spaven, who is an Australian, came from Rome, where she is night-superintendent in the new school. Belgium sent more governmental delegates than any other country; the Countess de Merode and Dr. Van Swietan as delegates from the national governments; physicians sent by the cities of Antwerp and Brussels. Miss Snively and Miss Lina Rogers were among the Canadians. A number of our old friends came from Great Britain, among them, of course, Mrs. Fenwick and Miss Breay, Miss Barton, Miss Cutler, Miss Mollett, Miss Rogers; Miss Kelly and Miss Carson-Rae, Dublin, Miss Graham, secretary of the Scottish Matrons' Society. Mrs. Lackstrom, editor of *Epione*, was there; Mlle. Clément, directress of the city of Paris school; and Miss Van Rijn, office secretary of the Holland Nurses' Association. From Japan came the honorary vice-president of the International Council, Miss Take Hagiwara; Miss Watatani, superintendent of the Mitsui Charity Hospital in Tokio, and Miss Yamamoto, a Sister of the Red Cross. Mrs. Klosz, a former Johns Hopkins nurse, and Miss Creighton, an Illinois training school woman, came from India, and three Red Cross delegates from Italy. Miss Sutherland read the report from New Zealand. Miss Lindhagen led the Swedish delegation. Sister

Emmy Oser, of Zurich, delegate from the Swiss Nurses' Association, was elected honorary vice-president from Switzerland. Miss Child, one of the early members of the International, came from South Africa, Miss Hart, a Bellevue nurse, from Constantinople.

THE whole number of Congress members present from Germany reached far above seven hundred, and on the opening days of the Congress the Gürzenich was filled to its full capacity of about one thousand persons.

THE four official delegates from the American Nurses' Association were Miss Maxwell, Miss Nutting, Miss Helen Kelly from Wisconsin, and Miss Donna Burgar from Massachusetts. The latter, unfortunately, was delayed in coming and hastened in her departure, so that she did not actually share in the Congress at all.

THE American papers read at the Congress were: "A Report on the Working of State Registration," prepared by a committee, and a paper on "The Social Work of the Nurse." This one began by a description of the Teachers' College course by Miss Nutting, and was concluded by Miss Waters' (Nurses' Settlement, New York) summary of the new lines of work. Both these papers were translated and read in German by Miss Greenschlager and Miss Lustnauer. Miss Maxwell brought a written discussion to the topic: "The Proper Position of the Matron (Superintendent of Nurses) in the Training of Nurses and in the Hospital."

THE exhibit from the United States was small, consisting chiefly of a very incomplete collection of books by nurses, THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING and a good chart from Boston giving a graphic presentation of the Boston training schools and their relative advantages.